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## **TWO MEN CHARGED WITH DRUG POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

INDIANAPOLIS - Jerry D. Johnson, West Memphis, Arkansas, and Curtis D. Washington, St. Louis, Missouri, both now incarcerated in the Marion County Jail, were charged today with possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, announced Timothy M. Morrison, U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Indiana, following an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Indiana State Police, Wayne County Police Department, Richmond Police Department, and the Centerville Police Department.

Johnson and Washington were arrested on November 13, 2009, by law enforcement officers after a routine traffic stop in Wayne County revealed that Johnson and Washington were transporting cocaine, marijuana and hand guns, as well as carrying large amounts of cash on their person.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Josh J. Minkler, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Johnson and Washington face a maximum of 40 years in prison and a \$2,000,000 fine. An initial hearing will be scheduled for in the near future before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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